

General Assembly

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LCO No. 2262



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND LOCAL CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 10-66kk of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):
- 3 (a) The governing council of each state and local charter school shall
- 4 post on any Internet web site that the council operates the (1) schedule,
- 5 (2) agenda, and (3) minutes of each meeting, including any meeting of
- 6 subcommittees of the governing council.
- 7 (b) The membership of the governing council of each state and local
- 8 charter school shall meet the requirements concerning such
- 9 membership set forth in the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection
- 10 (d) of section 10-66bb at the time of application for a state charter and
- 11 at all other times.
- Sec. 2. Section 10-66ll of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

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Annually, the commissioner shall randomly select one state <u>or local</u> charter school, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 10-66aa, to be subject to a comprehensive financial audit conducted by an auditor selected by the Commissioner of Education. Except as provided for in subsection (d) of section 10-66ee, the <u>state or local</u> charter school shall be responsible for all costs associated with the audit conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. Subsection (m) of section 10-66ee of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(m) [Charter] <u>State and local charter</u> schools may, to the same extent as local and regional boards of education, enter into cooperative arrangements as described in section 10-158a, provided such arrangements are approved by the Commissioner of Education. Any state <u>or local</u> charter school participating in a cooperative arrangement under this subsection shall maintain its status as a state <u>or local</u> charter school and not be excused from any obligations pursuant to sections 10-66aa to 10-66ll, inclusive, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	10-66kk
Sec. 2	July 1, 2014	10-66 <i>ll</i>
Sec. 3	July 1, 2014	10-66ee(m)

Statement of Purpose:

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To include local charter schools to the provisions regarding charter school transparency, accountability and cooperative arrangements.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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